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Canadian community, has been awarded in the Community Development category. For years, the JCA has served the Afri-Canadian Achievement Award (ACAA), the prestigious and sought-after community organization in the Canadian Association (JCA), a long-time TORONTO, Ontario The Jamaican African African

and varied initiatives which include afterand a series of life skills sessions school programs, a young women's group can Canadian community with its many

for JOY gram was cut by the government of Pre-mier Mike Harris, the JCA was an agency before the Jobs Ontario Youth (JOY) pro-The Caribbean Youth and Family Services office also operates out of the JCA and,

cans and to improve the quality of life for and support the cultural heritage of Jamai-JCA took an ambitious, inevitable step by office on Dupont Street for decades, the Canada. After having operated out of an people of African and Caribbean descent in The JCA is an incorporated non-profit whose mission is to maintain

995 Arrow Road in North York. building cious location at larger, more spachasing its own The most re-

recently

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centevent which

JCA hosted

Donovan Bai-ley." This event really nity together as tion of the comaudience from a nadian commumunity was their which drew an Tribute African Caof peo-Bai-

gold medallist Donovan Bailey. honour the world's fastest man, Olympic ple came out to Hon. Judge Micheline Rawlins

produced and organized by Pride Newspaper, annually. hailed by the ACAA, which was founded The JCA is one of 14 honourees being Michael Van Cooten in 1985 and

The ACAA recipient in the Law cat-egory is Hon. Judge Micheline Rawlins, a Montreal-born judge has a long-standing ustice in the Ontario Court of Justice. The

> She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociolmmitment to the field of law.

ogy and Political Sci-(LL.B) from the Uni-University as well as Bachelor of from McGill Law

sistant in McGill's first as a teaching asinvolved in teaching, versity of Windsor. University of Windteaching fellow at the partment Political Science de-Rawlins has been and as

worked part-time as 1986, Rawlins was a Crown Attorney in Between 1983 and practitioner and

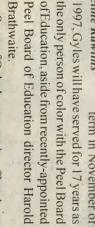
sor's Faculty

of Law.

1992 when she became an Ontario Court Judge with Windsor's Provincial Division. Essex County. From 1986 until 1992, she County. Her big day came on October 15, was an Assistant Crown attorney in Kent Rawlins has also taken time from her

busy schedule to give back to her commu-nity. She has been ina team manager in the sor Board of Educavolved with the in the Windsor Minor ban Alliance and was tion, the Windsor House League Wind-

term in November of four his present municipal terms. At the end of has been re-elected for a trustee in 1980 and He was first elected as est-serving African rently Canada's long-Canadian politician honoree in the Educa-Gyles, the ACAA cation Trustee Cliff Hockey Association Peel Board of Edusubsequent



scholarship at Westwood Secondary School and the establishment of Black Studies Proin the fight to have the Peel Board of Edugramş in high schools. He was also pivotal included his involvement with the Chalkers Some of Gyles's community efforts have

Gyles

cation become one of the first to establish equity and anti-discrimination policies.

Other ACAA recipi-

Cools (Politics), Dr. David Burt (Science), Church (Religion), Liberal Senator Anne Da Costa (Medicine), Producer Cynthia Reyes (Media), Dr. Granville (Hall of Fame), CBC veteran community con-tributor Herb Carnegie Lenny and Gwen Johnson of Third World tor Luther Hansraj (Arts All Nations Full Gospel Donkor, senior Book Store (Business), and Entertainment), are: Dr. pastor at ac

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(Sports), Karen Warner (Youth Achievement) and the late Barbara Isaac (Posthu-Sylvia Sweeney

in Toronto. Month, will take place on Saturday, Febru-ary 22, 1997 at the Ontario Science Centre mous Award). Awards ceremony, demonstrably the most prestigious event during Black History The African Canadian Achievement

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